

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

- 1-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:
selecting a player of a gaming device to receive a portable communication device;
obtaining a player identifier from the player; and
supplying the portable communication device to the player.
11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a name of the player.
12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises an address of the player.
13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a phone number of the player.
14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a tracking card of the player.
15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a hotel room number of the player.
16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises an email address of the player.
17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the player identifier comprises a payment identifier of the player.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a credit card number.
19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a debit card number.
20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a financial account number.
21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a home billing address.
22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17 wherein the payment identifier comprises a hotel room number of the player.
23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising providing consideration in exchange for supplying the portable communication device.
24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12 wherein the consideration comprises at least one of a currency, a promise to perform a service, and a product.
25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving a security deposit from the player in exchange for supplying the portable communication device.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25 further comprising returning the security deposit to the player upon a receipt of the portable communication device from the player.
27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein supplying comprises supplying the portable communication device from a casino representative.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein supplying comprises supplying the portable communication device from a front desk at a casino.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein supplying comprises supplying the portable communication device from a merchant associated with a casino.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving the portable communication device from the player at a casino desk.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving the portable communication device from the player at deposit bin.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising receiving an indication from the player and, in response thereto, collecting the portable communication device from the player.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein supplying the portable communication device comprises supplying the portable communication device subject to a condition.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the condition comprises that the communication device be in working order when returned by the player.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the condition comprises that the communication device be returned during a specified time period.

36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the condition comprises that the communication device be returned at a specified location.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the condition comprises that the communication device be used by the player in a specified manner.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 37 wherein the specified manner comprises using the communication device for at least a specified amount of time.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising providing a benefit to the player upon a receipt of the portable communication device from the player.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 39 wherein the benefit is at least one of a product and a service.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 39 wherein the benefit is provided based upon at least one condition related to a game play of the gaming device.

42. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor to:

determine that a player engaged in gaming activities at a gaming device and having access to a portable communication device would like to communicate with another;

obtain a player identifier from the player;

determine an individual who will communicate with the player;

determine, based on the gaming activities, a prompt comprising an offer for at least one of a product or service to be presented by the individual to the player;

transmit the prompt to the individual; and

enable communication between the player and the individual via the portable communication device.

43. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor to:

monitor gaming activities of a player at a gaming device said player having access to a portable communication device;

obtain a player identifier from the player;

determine, based on the gaming activities, a prompt comprising an offer for at least one of a product or service to be presented by an individual to the player;

transmit the prompt to the individual; and

enable communication between the player and the individual via the portable communication device.

44-46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 43, further encoded with instructions for comprising directing the processor to:

enabling the individual to provide a service to the player.

48. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 43, further encoded with instructions for comprising directing the processor to:

altering the state of the gaming device based on an input received from the individual.

49-50. (Canceled).

51. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a name of the player.

52. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises an address of the player.

53. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a phone number of the player.

54. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a tracking card of the player.

55. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a hotel room number of the player.

56. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises an email address of the player.

57. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 42 wherein the player identifier comprises a payment identifier of the player.

58. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 57 wherein the payment identifier comprises a credit card number.

59. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 57 wherein the payment identifier comprises a debit card number.

60. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 57 wherein the payment identifier comprises a financial account number.

61. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium method of claim 57 wherein the payment identifier comprises a home billing address.